

Health Information Technology Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Location
April 15, 2021	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Zoom Meeting Recording

Participant Name and Attendance

Council Members				
Joseph Quaranta (Co-Chair)		Stacy Beck		Patrick Charmel
Joe Stanford, DSS	X	Robert Rioux		Alan Kaye, MD
Elizabeth Taylor, DMHAS		David Fusco		Dina Berlyn
Cindy Butterfield, DCF	X	Nicolangelo Scibelli	X	Tekisha Everette
Sharonda Carlos, DOC	X	Patricia Checko	X	Cassandra Murphy
Vanessa Hinton, DPH	X	Kimberly Martone, OHS	X	Chuck Podesta
Dennis C. Mitchell, DDS	X	William Petit, MD	X	Ken Ferrucci
Mark Raymond, CIO	X	Jeanette DeJesus	X	Pareesa Charmchi Goodwin
Sandra Czunus, OSC	X	Robert Blundo, AHCT		Dr. Susan Israel
Adam Prizio (for Ted Doolittle)	X	Lisa Stump		
Supporting Leadership				
Victoria Veltri, OHS		Alan Fontes, UCONN AIMS	X	Carol Robinson, CedarBridge
Brenda Shipley, OHS	X	Tom Agresta, MD, UConn Health		Terry Bequette, CedarBridge
Tina Kumar, OHS	X	Vatsala Pathy, CedarBridge	X	Craig Jones, CedarBridge
		Kassi Miller, CedarBridge		

Agenda

	Topic	Responsible Party	Time
1.	Welcome and Call to Order	Kim Martone, OHS	1:00 PM
	<p>The regularly scheduled meeting of the Health Information Technology Advisory Council was held on Thursday, April 15, 2021 by webinar.</p> <p>Kimberly Martone welcomed council members and called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. She mentioned that Dr. Quaranta asked her to chair today's meeting.</p> <p>Attendance was taken by roll call. It was determined that a quorum had been established.</p>		
2.	Public Comment	Attendees	1:05 PM
	<p>Public Comment was provided by Supriyo B. Chatterjee (see public comment here).</p> <p>Ms. Martone thanked Mr. Chatterjee for his comments and for participating in OHS activities.</p>		
3.	Review and Approval of Minutes March 18, 2021	Council Members	1:10 PM
	<p>Ms. Martone asked for a motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Health IT Advisory Council meeting minutes. Mark Raymond created the motion. Vanessa Hinton seconded. There was no further discussion. The minutes were approved.</p>		
4.	Council Vote: Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy Final Report	Kim Martone, OHS	1:15 PM

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	A brief overview of the Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy Final Report was provided. Ms. Martone asked for a motion to accept the Medication Reconciliation and Polypharmacy Final Report. Patricia Checko created the motion. Joe Stanford seconded. There was no further discussion. The motion passed.		
5.	Five-Year Statewide Health IT Plan Update	Vatsala Pathy, Senior Director, CedarBridge Group	1:20 PM
	<p>Vatsala Pathy, of CedarBridge Group, provided an update regarding activities related to the State Five-Year Health IT Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process and timeline for the State Health IT Plan was reviewed. • Ms. Pathy shared highlights from the recent interactive engagement webinars, virtual forums, and focus groups that were held from February – April. • Updates on the environmental scan activities and key informant interviews were provided. Surveys have been launched to over 8,000 health and social service professionals in Connecticut. A consumer survey is being created and will be disseminated soon. Key informant interviews and small focus groups are underway. • The remainder of the HITAC 2021 meeting schedule was reviewed. • There was no discussion on the presentation. 		
6.	Public Health Modernization Presentation and Discussion	Carol Robinson, CEO, CedarBridge Group	1:40 PM
	<p>Carol Robinson, of CedarBridge Group, presented and lead a discussion regarding Public Health Modernization.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council discussed the Public Health Modernization presentation. It was noted that the CDC is providing grants to various state and local health departments, healthcare systems, industry jurisdictions, and laboratories to assist with efforts of public health modernization. • There was a question about whether there is a dialogue at the national level about long term money that will needed for sustainable improvements. Ms. Robinson said it is part of the conversations. It was mentioned that sustainability should be considered in all areas of the system, from driving efficiency and improvements to better decision making and preparedness. • It was mentioned that it is important to advocate for sustainable models to identify efficiency through the system and capture it so that it can be used as a source for sustaining funding. There was a suggestion to pump some sustaining funds into the system to get to some of the aims of the having the data move more quickly. The Council continued to discuss the presentation. • Ms. Hinton noted there has been a lot of discussions about the data modernization and grant funding received. The second component of the grant has not been received yet. Mark Raymond is involved with this initiative. Objectives have been shared with Mark Raymond and documentation has been sent to Carol Robinson. The goal is to have additional information for the Council in the next few months in terms of this initiative’s plans and strategies. • CedarBridge will be reaching out to members to schedule interviews. Additional comments and input can be sent by email to CedarBridge. 		

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7.	Connie Update	Jenn Searls, Executive Director, Connie	2:10 PM
<p>Jenn Searls provided a Connie update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of the development of Connie was provided. Ms. Searls reviewed some of the core foundational work. Currently, there are 44 connected organizations to Connie. It was mentioned that the deployment to Connie has three phases: legal onboarding phase, data contribution, and accessing data phase. The Connie deployment timeline for FY 2021 was reviewed. Connie is working with OHS regarding the commencement of operations announcement development. The goal is for the beginning of May for the announcement of Connie being open for operations, and therefore starting the time requirements for organizations to be connected to Connie. <p>Demian Fontanella, General Counsel, of the Office of Health Strategy, spoke about the development of patient consent policy and process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was a Consent Design Workgroup that worked to help inform the consent policy for the Health Information Exchange (HIE). OHS is developing a consent policy recommendation for Connie informed largely by the consent principles developed by the Consent Design Workgroup. The goal is to have the consent policy posted for public comment within the next week. The opt-out process and opt-out workflow was reviewed. The Council discussed the Connie update and the consent policy. There was also discussion about what data sharing information a patient would be able opt-out of. 			
8.	Announcements & General Discussion	Kim Martone, OHS, Council Members	2:45 PM
<p>Kim Martone opened the floor for announcements and general discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Martone announced that the Health Information Technology Officer posting was put up on yesterday and will be posted for at least a week. The link to the posting was shared with council members in the chat feature. There was no additional announcements or discussion. 			
9.	Wrap up and Meeting Adjournment	Kim Martone, OHS	2:55 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The motion to adjourn was made by Mark Raymond and seconded by Patricia Checko. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m. 			

Upcoming Meeting Dates: May 20, 2021

Meeting information is located at: <https://portal.ct.gov/OHS/HIT-Work-Groups/Health-IT-Advisory-Council>